"Own Your Wagon Scheme" in Railways

1985 SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be please to state:

(a) whether the "Own Your Wagon Scheme" is popular among customers of the Railways;

(b) if so, what is the number of wagons owned by customers under this scheme;

(c) what are the nature of difficulties faced and complaints made by the wagon owners; and

(d) what steps will be taken to make the scheme effective?

THE MNINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Orders for 4214 wagons (10535 four wheelers) have been placed by diffe rent customers and 1801 wagons (4503 four wheelers) have already been pro cured under this scheme upto 30.6.96.

(c) Difficulties faced by the wagon owners include timely procurement of wagons after placing orders, guaranteed clearance of goods and issuance of post dated cheques for payment of lease charges.

(d) Consequent upon Users Interactive Meetings held with trade, efforts are on to recast the OYW Scheme, taking into account the various suggestions received with a view to make it more "customer oriented".

Foodgrains Production in Orissa

1986. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the stagnation in the foodgrains production in Orissa during the Seventh and Eighth Plan period;

(b) whether Government have taken steps to double the foodgrains production in the State;

(c) if so, the target fixed for the 9th Plan; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the foodgrains production in that State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISH-RA): (a) The production of foodgrains in Orissa during the Seventh and Eighth Five year Plan period has shown positive trend with fluctuation in intermediate years, which is attributed to weather factors

(b) and (c) The targets of production of foodgrains for Ninth Five Year Plan has not been fixed so far.

(d) In order to increase production and productivity of foodgrains in the State of Orissa, two Centrally sponsored scheme viz.. Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice) and National Pulses Development Programme are being implemented.

Charges in Environmental Impact Assess ment Notification

1987. SHRI MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be please to state:

(a) whether any changes have been made in Section III(c) & IV of para 2 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification dated 27th January 1994, as notified in the Gasette of India No. 42;

(b) the reasons for which these changes were neccssitiated; and

(c) whether 'Summary of the feasibilioty reports', the recom-mendation and the conditions, subject to which environmental clearance is given, and Environ-,